

### **Message about Scam involving purported U.S. Embassy Employees**

The U.S. Embassy in La Paz, Bolivia has recently received many inquiries from American citizens in the U.S. about fraudulent telephone calls concerning the purported arrest of a relative in Bolivia. The callers instruct the family members to send funds immediately to guarantee the release of their loved one. The caller sometimes claims to be an employee of the U.S. Embassy in Bolivia. Further investigation reveals that the relative has not, in fact, been arrested in Bolivia, but remains at home in the U.S. This scam is popularly known as the "Grandparent Scam." For further information on how to protect yourself and whom to contact, please visit the State Department's webpage on [Financial Scams](#).